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Letter dated 6 July 2010 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of Azerbaijan, Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Venezuela, Egypt, India, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Kyrgyzstan, Cyprus, Cuba, Moldova, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Singapore, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, the Philippines, France, Montenegro, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, the Holy See and Palestine, I have the honour to enclose herewith the joint statement on the occasion of the sixty-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War, which was delivered by the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Valery Loshchinin, at the fourteenth session of the Human Rights Council on 15 June 2010 (see annex).

I would like to request your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly under agenda items 64, 69 (d) and 126.

(*Signed*) Vitaly **Churkin**

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Annex to the letter dated 6 July 2010 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of Ambassador Valery Loshchinin, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, at the fourteenth session of the Human Rights Council

15 June 2010

On behalf of Azerbaijan, Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Holy See, Venezuela, Egypt, India, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Kyrgyzstan, Cyprus, Cuba, Moldova, Nicaragua, Norway, Palestine, Pakistan, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, the Philippines, France, Montenegro, Sri Lanka and Ethiopia, I have the honour to make the following joint statement on agenda item 8, "Follow-up and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action".

"The year 2010 marks the sixty-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War, which brought immense suffering to all of mankind. The importance of this date for the United Nations and for the whole international community was once again highlighted during a special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly on 6 May 2010.

"We highly appreciate the historic significance of this event, which saved the people of our planet from the scourge of the Nazi tyranny, including the liberation of concentration camps, opened the way towards creating a new world built on the principles of international cooperation and dialogue for peace and respect for law, laid the foundations of the modern international order and restored faith in the ideals of human rights and respect for human dignity.

"Victory in the Second World War created the conditions for the establishment of the United Nations and at the same time confirmed the fact that global problems facing humanity can only be solved through joint efforts.

"We will never forget the sacrifices to defeat the forces of destruction and barbarity, we admire the courage of those who fought against fascism both at the front and in the Nazi-occupied territories, we honour the memory of those millions of people of different nationalities and religions who gave their lives for the triumph of freedom and justice. The memory of these events will be kept alive and passed on to new generations. It was our common victory over the common enemy, the enemy that challenged humanity.

"Highlighting the progress made since the end of the Second World War in overcoming its legacy and towards reconciliation, we reaffirm our determination to prevent further tragedies and to save succeeding generations from the threats to peace and security."